



Jeral Growcock at the Whitley County Y

GIVE FOR ALL

"If you have ever been to Columbia City, you probably are seeing a familiar face. Jeral Growcock, who is widely known in the community and a part of Easterseals Passages, was introduced to the YMCA by a friend. Jeral has been able to be an active member of the Whitley County YMCA for over 18 years because of the Y's financial assistance program.

Since becoming a member, he has had the opportunity to connect with more people in the community and bring joy to all those around him. Not only are his visits about connection, but being a member has allowed him to experience the benefits of group exercise classes and participate in music and dance classes – which are two of his passions. For the past few years, Jeral has hosted a Halloween party at the Y and invited other Easter Seals participants and the friends he has made in his Bang-the-Drum and dance classes.

Another passion of Jeral's is basketball. Over the years, as Jeral learned the game, it has given him a sense of accomplishment and belonging. Not only has playing basketball at the Y taught him a new skill, but it also helped him to become more patient, helpful, and outgoing.

The Y has given Jeral a chance to learn, grow, thrive, and build his sense of community."

-Jeral Growcock and Family

GIVE FOR Youth Development

We nurture the potential of every child and teen. Young people learn positive values, explore their unique talents and realize what they can achieve. We help youth find purpose and lead inspired, successful lives.

GIVE FOR Healthy Living

We improve health and well-being. Families and individuals adopt positive habits that improve the quality of life. We support people of all ages and backgrounds to cultivate a healthy spirit, mind and body which leads to stronger communities.

GIVE FOR Social Responsibility

With our doors open to all, we inspire generosity and action in our communities. We bring our community together to support those in need. We inspire a spirit of service and working together to help others and give back.

Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Nurture children in a safe, educational environment in our Early Learning Center.
- Give youth hope and older adults purpose through meaningful connections with their community.
- Provide opportunities for everyone to participate at the Y, regardless of their age, income or background.



Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community.

In 2022, 1,407 additional people participated at the Whitley County Y because of financial assistance.

\$160 Gets 1 child into a week of fun, friendship, and memories at summer day camp.

\$210 Keeps 1 kid safe and confident around water through a year of swim lessons.

\$300 Sponsors participation for half of a youth basketball team where kids learn teamwork and sportsmanship.

\$636 Helps an older adult stay connected with friends and become healthy at the Y.

\$1,500 Prepares a child for success with a positive learning experience and meaningful relationships during 8 weeks at the Early Learning Center.

\$2,500 Inspires 1 class of 10 cancer survivors to gain strength and reclaim wellness through LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA.

The YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

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